

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 3850 - HB 3834**

March 2, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Extends from three to five days the amount of time an owner has to legally claim his or her dog or cat that is found without a vaccination or identification tag prior to animal being adopted or destroyed.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000\***

Assumptions:

- Currently, owners of dogs and cats that are wearing a rabies tag or other identification have five days to claim their pets.
- Currently, most local animal shelters will hold this grouping of animals for longer than three days if they have available space.
- For shelters that do not have space and would be required to hold these animals for two additional days will result in an increase in local government expenditures for establishing space and providing care. The estimated increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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